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SUBJECT: UNCTAD - MINISTERIAL LEVEL TDB AND GROUP B

REF: (A) STATE 135733, (B) GENEVA 5684, (C) STATE 163195

1. GROUP B DISCUSSION PREPARATORY FOR QUARTERLY CONSULTATION ON MEETINGS PROVIDED U.S. OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW U.S. SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REF (A) ON SUBJECTS FOR MINISTERIAL LEVEL TDB AGENDA. THERE WAS LITTLE REACTION TO U.S. SUGGESTIONS EXCEPT GENERAL FEELING THAT COMMON FUND PER SE SHOULD NOT BE ON AGENDA. ALAN RUSSEL OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON PERSONAL BASIS EXPRESSED OPINION THAT WHILE TOO BROAD A SWEEP OF TOPICS SHOULD BE AVOIDED, BOTH REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN FIELDS OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND DEBT PROBLEMS SEEMED INEVITABLE, AND THAT COMMON FUND MAY WELL BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA BY THE G-77 DEPENDING ON OUTCOME OF NOVEMBER SESSION. HE AGREED LEAST DEVELOPED A LIKELY TOPIC AND SUGGESTED IN ADDITION TO U.S. LIST THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SUGGESTING AN ITEM ON TRADE WITH SOCIALIST STATES AND PROGRESS IN (OR MORE ACCURATELY LACK OF PROGRESS IN) IMPLEMENTING RESOLUTION

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95 (IV). FOLLOWING GROUP B MEETING HE ALSO SUGGESTED PRIVATELY THAT PRHAPS THE QUESTION OF UNCTAD'S ROLE IN MEETING THE OBJECTIVES OF THE EVOLVING "BASIC NEEDS" PHILOSOPHY OF DEVELOPMENT MIGHT ALSO BE AN INTERESTING TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION AT THE TDB. THERE WERE NO OTHER PRELIMINARY REACTIONS, AND NO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WERE ABLE TO SHED ADDITIONAL LIGHT ON SYG COREA'S CURRENT

THINKING ON UNCTAD'S ROLE IN THE CIEC FOLLOW-UP. (FYI-COREA APPARENTLY HAS NOT EVEN DISCUSSED WITH HIS SENIOR STAFF HIS REACTION TO THE CONCLUSION OF CIEC AND ANY IDEAS ON UNCTAD'S FUTURE ROLE.)

2. COREA CONSULTATION WITH REGIONAL GROUPS, WHICH HAD BEEN SCHEDULED JULY 14, WAS POTPONED UNTIL JULY 18.

3. GROUP B MEETING WAS POORLY ATTENDED. FURTHERMORE, IT NOT CERTAIN THAT ALL PARTICPANTS WILL FURNISH CAPITALS WITH FULL REPORT ON OUR SUGGESTION FOR TDB MINISTERIAL AGENDA. ACCORDINGLY, TO SET STAGE FOR DISCUSSION OF M MATTER AT TDB-17, SUGGEST EMBASSIES IN KEY GROUP B COUNTRIES BE INSTRUCTED TO INFORM APPROPRIATE HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF OUR VIEWS, PERHAPS LEAVING AIDE-MEMOIRE. VANDEN HEUVEL

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